AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entire Docket No. Applicant(s): Lisa A. G. Tweardy, et al. 1213-01 Group Art Unit Application No. Filing Date Examiner Customer: No. Confirmation No. 10/001,451 October 23, 2001 Fenn C. Mathew 3764 2404 022469 Invention: CERVICAL BRACE **COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:** Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27 The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. **CLAIMS AS AMENDED CLAIMS REMAINING** HIGHEST # **NUMBER EXTRA ADDITIONAL** RATE AFTER AMENDMENT PREV. PAID FOR CLAIMS PRESENT **FEE** \$0.00 **TOTAL CLAIMS** 27 0 \$25.00 21 Х 0 \$100.00 \$0.00 INDEP. CLAIMS Х \$0.00 Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) \$0.00 TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT No additional fee is required for amendment. Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of A check in the amount of to cover the filing fee is enclosed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3405 Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16. Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17. ☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

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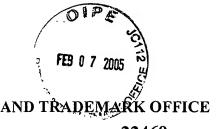
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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

This submission is in response to the October 4, 2004 Office Action and the January 25, 2005 Advisory Action. A Claim for Extension of time of one month and the associated \$60 fee is filed herewith.

Please amend the above-identified application without prejudice as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.